

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A material for a filter comprising an [[An]] asymmetric porous polytetrafluoroethylene membrane for a filter comprising a dense skin layer and a continuously foamed porous layer, wherein

(1) the contact angle of water to the surface of said skin layer is 120 to 140°;

(2) the diffuse reflectance of light is 91 to 94%; and

a reinforcing material, wherein said reinforcing material is a synthetic resin or inorganic fiber.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A material ~~The asymmetric porous polytetrafluoroethylene membrane~~ for a filter of claim 1, ~~which~~ wherein the asymmetric porous polytetrafluoroethylene membrane is obtained by drawing in a biaxial direction.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A material ~~The asymmetric porous polytetrafluoroethylene membrane~~ for a filter of claim 1, ~~which~~ wherein the asymmetric porous polytetrafluoroethylene membrane has a membrane thickness of 5 to 100 μm .

Claim 4 (canceled):

Claim 5 (currently amended): The material for a filter of claim [[4]] 1, wherein said reinforcing material is polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester, polyamide or glass fiber.

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Claim 6 (currently amended): A material ~~The asymmetric porous polytetrafluoroethylene~~
~~membrane~~ for a filter of claim 2, ~~which~~ wherein the asymmetric porous polytetrafluoroethylene
membrane has a membrane thickness of 5 to 100 μm .